

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A leg protection system for protecting a leg of an occupant, comprising:

~~an one airbag having a first portion to be inflated in front of an ankle or an instep of the leg, for protecting an ankle and a knee of the occupant, the airbag comprising~~

a first chamber,

a second chamber separate from the first chamber, and

at least one duct connecting the first chamber and the second chamber for providing communication therebetween; and
an inflator connected to the airbag for inflating the airbag.

2. (Currently amended) A leg protection system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said airbag further includes a second portion to be the second chamber is inflated upwardly along the leg after the first portion chamber is inflated.~~

3. (Currently amended) A leg protection system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the second portion chamber of the airbag is inflated in front of a the knee of the leg.~~

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Withdrawn, currently amended) A vehicle ~~having a comprising:~~
~~the leg protection system according to claim 1 for~~
~~protecting a the leg of an the occupant, comprising:~~
~~an instrumental panel,~~

a dash panel disposed below the instrument panel, and
a closing panel extending from a lower end of the
instrument panel for closing a space between the lower end of
the instrument panel and the dash panel so that ~~an~~ the airbag is
disposed between the instrument panel and the leg of the occupant
when the airbag is inflated.

9. (Withdrawn, currently amended) A vehicle ~~having a leg~~
~~protection system~~ according to claim 8, wherein said protection
system is disposed on at least one of the instrument panel, the
dash panel, and the closing panel.

10. (Withdrawn, currently amended) A vehicle ~~having a~~ comprising:
the leg protection system according to claim 1 for
protecting ~~a~~ the leg of ~~an~~ the occupant, ~~comprising:~~
an instrumental panel, and
a dash panel extending from a lower end of the instrumental
panel so that ~~an~~ the airbag is disposed between the instrument
panel and the leg of the occupant when the airbag is inflated.

11. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 1, wherein
the first chamber is inflated in front of the ankle.

12. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 11, wherein
the first chamber is inflated before the second chamber is
inflated.

13. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 1, wherein
said first and second chambers are spaced apart from each other
by a predetermined distance, and are connected together by the at
least one duct, said at least one duct having a width less than
those of the first and second chambers.

14. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 13, wherein said one airbag comprises a front panel and a rear panel joined together along a first connection at peripheries thereof, and along second connections at a middle portion between the front panel and the rear panel in a vertical direction, respectively, so as to divide the one airbag into the first chamber, the second chamber, and the at least one duct.

15. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 14, wherein said second connections extend toward a center area of the airbag from left and right sides between the front panel and the rear panel in the vertical direction.

16. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 15, wherein each of the second connections has a substantially U-shape with one side extending vertically and two other sides extending laterally parallel to an upper side and a lower side of the front panel and the rear panel,

the vertically extending sides face each other at the middle portion of the front panel and the rear panel in the lateral direction, and

a space between the vertically extending sides defines one duct.

17. (New) A leg protection system according to claim 14, wherein the first and second connections are formed of at least one selected from the group consisting of a stitch, a bond, and a weld.